

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Claims 1-44 (cancelled)

Claim 45 (previously presented):

An apparatus for selecting one of a plurality of transmission systems for transmitting an input signal captured by a remote device comprising:

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a detector for detecting one or more available transmission systems;

a control processor for receiving and storing priority data, said priority data comprising the relative ability of each of said plurality of transmission systems to provide secure transmission of said input signal;

wherein upon receipt of said input signal, said control processor extracts stored priority data relating to said available transmission systems and, utilizing said priority data, defines a prioritization hierarchy for use in selecting which of said available transmission systems to utilize; and

a connector for connecting the device to the transmission system interface selected by said control processor as having the highest available priority based on said priority data.

Claim 46 (previously presented):

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An apparatus in accordance with claim 45 further comprising a verification device for confirming the operability of the selected transmission system, once detected, and wherein the control system is operable to select a default transmission system whenever the transmission system selected as having the highest priority is inoperable.

Claim 47 (cancelled):

Claim 48 (previously presented):

An apparatus in accordance with claim 45 wherein said detector comprises a switch having an activated position and a deactivated position, and wherein the presence of said highest available priority transmission interface engages the switch to move it from the deactivated position to the activated position.

Claim 49 (previously presented):

An apparatus in accordance with claim 48 wherein said detector is a signal detector operable to initiate transmission in the presence of a predetermined signal.

Claim 50 (withdrawn):

An apparatus in accordance with claim 49 wherein said predetermined signal is a voltage level.

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Claim 51 (withdrawn):

An apparatus in accordance with claim 49 wherein said predetermined signal is an audio signal.

Claim 52 (withdrawn):

An apparatus in accordance with claim 45 wherein the input signal is a data signal.

Claim 53 (withdrawn):

An apparatus in accordance with claim 45 wherein the input signal is an audio signal.

Claim 54 (withdrawn):

An apparatus in accordance with claim 45 further comprising a plurality of input signal formats comprising a data signal and an audio signal, the apparatus further comprising a signal detector for determining whether the input signal is a data signal or an audio signal.

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Claim 55 (withdrawn):

An apparatus in accordance with claim 54 wherein the control system selects the first transmission system if the signal is a data signal and selects the second transmission system if the signal is an audio signal.

Claim 56 (previously presented):

An apparatus in accordance with claim 45 wherein one of said transmissions systems comprises a wired transmission system.

Claim 57 (withdrawn):

An apparatus in accordance with claim 45 wherein one of said transmission systems comprises a wireless transmission system.

Claim 58 (currently amended):

FI An apparatus for selecting one of a plurality of transmission systems for transmitting an input signal captured by a remote device, comprising:

a detector for detecting one or more available transmission systems;

a control processor for receiving and storing priority data, said priority data comprising 1) the relative ability of each of said plurality of transmission systems to provide secure transmission of said input signal, and 2) the time of day at which said input signal ~~is received~~ would be transmitted;

wherein upon receipt of said input signal, said control processor extracts stored priority data relating to said available transmission systems and, utilizing said priority data, defines a prioritization hierarchy for use in selecting which of said available transmission systems to utilize; and

a connector for connecting a portable handset transceiver of said apparatus to the transmission system interface selected by said control processor as having the highest available priority based on said priority data.

Claim 59 (withdrawn):

The apparatus of claim 58 wherein the handset transceiver is a wireless transceiver and said connector comprises an RJ-11 jack for connecting the handset to a wireline telephone system.

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Claim 60 (withdrawn):

The apparatus of claim 58 wherein said handset transceiver is a wireless transceiver comprises a local area network connection.

Claim 61 (previously presented):

The apparatus of claim 58 wherein said handset transceiver is a wireless transceiver and wherein said connector comprises an Ethernet connection.

Claim 62 (withdrawn):

The apparatus of claim 58 wherein said connector is a modular 8-pin jack.

Claim 63 (withdrawn):

FI The apparatus of claim 58 wherein said connector comprises an RJ-45 jack.

Claim 64 (previously presented):

The apparatus of claim 58, further comprising a default transmission system provided as an integral component of said transceiver, said default transmission system being utilized if said highest available priority system is inoperable.

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